New York's Five Families

In New York City, five major Italian-American Mafia families dominate organized crime activities:

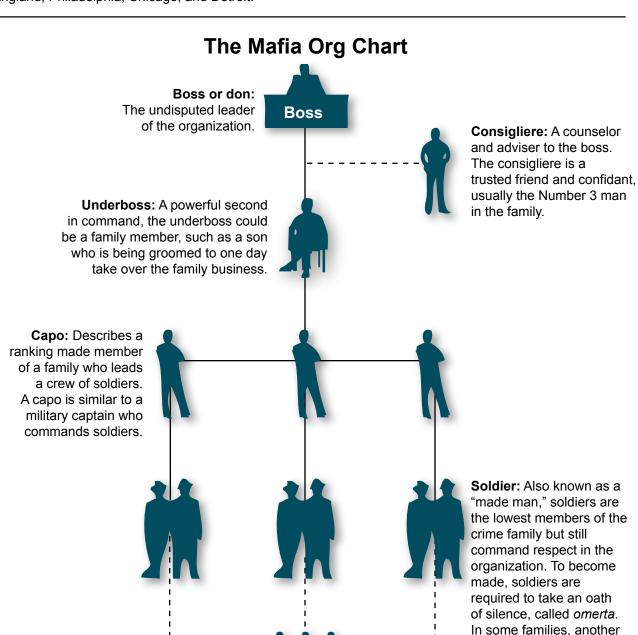
- Bonnano crime family
- **■** Columbo crime family
- Gambino crime family

requirement is that

candidates commit murder.

- Genovese crime family
- **■** Luchese crime family

While the Mafia-also known as La Cosa Nostra--may no longer possess the robust national presence and influence it once had, it remains a significant threat in the extended New York metropolitan area, New England, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Detroit.



Associate: An individual who is part of a crew but has not been made and commits crimes under the protection/direction of made members and remits a share of his illegal proceeds to his direct made superior.